

Groundbreaking Launches Sail Club Year

The Cohasset Sailing Club launched its "Year of Renewal" program last week when ground was broken for its new central building on Government Island. It will provide classroom, workshop and storage facilities to replace the existing makeshift structure.

The new 28' by 55' building, estimated to cost \$60,000 is the gift of an anonymous donor and construction was

approved by Cohasset residents at April's town meeting. Architects are Strekalovsky and Hoyt, Hingham.

At the ground-breaking, Commodore Edward Atkinson announced plans for a companion \$25,000 Fleet Renewal Fund drive to start next month with the objective of eventually replacing the present fleet of Widgeon sailboats used in the training of juniors

and adults, and adding other types of craft to permit development of intermediate and advanced training skills.

"We are embarking today on a two-part program of renewal," Atkinson said. "Through the exceptional generosity of an anonymous donor we are able to start construction of a building that will greatly improve our ability to carry out the club's basic purpose of training Cohasset youngsters and adults in seamanship, sailing and water safety."

"As a matching effort on the part of the club, we will undertake to raise \$25,000 so that we can bring the fleet up to the level of our new shore facilities. The present sailboats are in need of increasing maintenance after many years of hard instructional use, and we also need additional types of boats to meet the need for training in intermediate and advanced sailing."

The Cohasset Sailing Club is in its 20th year of operation, having opened for business in 1960. It was organized by a group of Cohasset citizens as a non-profit corporation with

membership open to all Cohasset residents. The town permitted the club to use town property on Government Island and the Club added two small buildings and floats.

This year the club has approximately 175 members and again is offering shore school instruction and sailing lessons to 140 children and adults.

Children between the ages of nine through 15 receive training in fundamentals of sailing week days between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Adults meet for instruction on Sunday mornings. In addition there is open sailing for members each week night and on week-ends when the boats are not in use for training. The club also offers dock facilities for moor-

ing of members' skiffs. Membership and service fees have been kept to a minimum through maximum use of volunteer help.

Chris Collins is Steward of the club this summer with responsibility for operation of the facilities and supervision of two dockmasters. Stephen Bobo, a college sailing champion, is chief instructor, heading a staff of five assistants.

Officers of the Club this year, in addition to Commodore Atkinson are: Vice Commodore, R.C. Porter; Treasurer, P.H. Greenman; Clerk, D.C. Sweeney, Jr.; Rear Commodores P.A. Carlson, D. M. Baccari, P.A. Chapman, Francis X. Johnston III, R.A. Dabrowski, and R.M. Davenport.

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CZM Grant Pond Boon

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, announced this week that the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (MCZM) Office awarded an \$8,000 Community Assistance Grant to the

towns of Hull and Cohasset for a study of eutrophication and associated salt pond management problems in Straits Pond.

The study will result in scientifically based solutions and detailed management plans for improving the quality of the salt pond and its future use for recreation and public access.

The pond, which is located in both communities, has developed a number of environmental problems in past years including noxious odors, poor water quality, algae blooms, overgrowth of aquatic weeds and a breeding environment for midges and mosquitos. An apparent cause of the pond's eutrophication appears to be excessive amounts of nutrients entering the pond.

Pollution has entered the pond through a number of sources including substandard septic systems, storm water outfalls, storm water runoff and leachate from the Hull landfill.

The study will provide not only a thorough understanding of the pond's physical characteristics and problems, but it will also assess possible mechanisms to reclaim the pond for recreation activities

In addition to the \$8,000 grant, the towns will provide \$2,000 in matching funds.

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